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For: **WAVELENGTH-SWEPT LASER AND METHOD FOR ITS
OPERATION**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This correspondence is responsive to the Office Action dated February 27,
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PENDING CLAIMS

1. A wavelength-swept pulse laser, producing a mode-locked short pulsed output whose center wavelength continuously varies with time, comprising:

a resonator having an optical path including therein an optical gain medium capable of amplifying light over wide wavelength band, a wavelength tunable filter with minimum loss center wavelength range, and a non-linear medium with light intensity dependent refractive index;

an optical pump means for the population inversion of said optical gain medium; and

a filter modulation signal generating means for continuously varying the minimum loss center wavelength range of said wavelength tunable filter with time;

wherein the laser output is short mode-locked pulse type and its center wavelength varies continuously with time.

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Response
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